A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE TECHNOLOGY AND DATA INSTITUTE
TO OPERATE A PILOT PROGRAM TO EXPAND HIGH-SPEED INTERNET ACCESS
TO STUDENTS OF LOW-INCOME FAMILIES IN CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA.
The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of State
Budget and Management the sum of one million dollars ($1,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for
the 2021-2022 fiscal year to allocate to the Technology and Data Institute, a public service
consortium of public entities, including Guilford County Schools, the City of Greensboro,
Guilford County, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, and the University
of North Carolina at Greensboro to operate a pilot program to expand high-speed internet access
to students of low-income families in central North Carolina, beginning with the 2021-2022
school year. The pilot program shall prioritize students without sufficient broadband access for
online learning and focus on developing a sustainable model for the design, building, and
operation of the technology infrastructure and services required to deliver high-quality and
easy-to-use internet access for all prekindergarten through postdoctoral students in the 12-county
Piedmont region of North Carolina.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.